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Professional Engineer License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) issued two license revocations at its most recent meeting Thursday, Sept. 8.

Following is a summary of the Board's actions. Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

ERIC NEALE RICE JOHNSTON

FALLS CHURCH, VA

File Number 2005-03165

COMPLAINANT – Francis Teevan (Manassas, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Rice Johnston engaged in the practice of engineering without a valid license and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0402013681 and a \$5,000 fine.

OLUWASEGUN ADEBAYO ADEYEMI

ATLANTA, GA

File Number 2004-04131

COMPLAINANT – APELSCIDLA Board (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Adeyemi violated the Board's regulation requiring licensees be in good standing in other jurisdictions through the revocation of his Pennsylvania engineering license; failed to notify the Board of the disciplinary action against his Pennsylvania license; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 0402035080.

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About DPOR and the APELSCIDLA Board:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Hearing licenses nearly 35,000 individuals and firms. The Board is composed of three licensed architects, three licensed professional engineers, three licensed land surveyors, two certified landscape architects, and two certified interior designers.

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